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1. JULY 13 GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH SPEECHES BY SUDAN, POLAND, MALTA, SWITZERLAND AND ICFTU.

2. SUDAN (MAHGOUB) BEMOANED THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC ILLS, WHICH STRIKE HARDEST ON THE DEVELOPING WORLD. CIEC RESULTS WERE A "VERY HESITATING" STEP TOWARD REDRESSING THE IMBALANCE AGAINST THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE PARIS MEETING WAS A FAILURE. THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER EFFORTS (THROUGH COW) TO CONTINUE AND FINISH WHAT BEGAN IN 1978. MAHGOUB EXPRESSED DISMAY AND CONCERN OVER THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD A COMMON FUND AND INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS. SOME DEVELOPED NATIONS ARE UNWILLING TO COME TO ANY AGREEMENT THAT WOULD LEAD TO STABILIZATION. HE URGED QUICK RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THE COMMON FUND ON COMMODITIES. HE OBSERVED THAT MTN HAVE HAD VERY FEW POSITIVE AND BENEFICIAL RESULTS FOR LDCS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. MAGHOUB NOTED THAT ODA HAS FALLEN CONSISTENTLY SHORT OF DEVELOPMENT DECADE TARGETS. THE NEW IDS SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON PLEDGES OF BETTER PERFORMANCE BY DEVELOPED NATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SUDAN HOPES FOR RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD A CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. MAHGOUB STATED SUDAN HAS TAKEN FULL ACCOUNT IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF BOTH BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH. HE CONCLUDED ON STRUCTURING BY SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RES. 32/197 AND HOPED THAT CONSUL-

TATIONS WILL CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY.

3. POLAND (WYZNER) ECHOED THEMES OF THE EARLIER USSR SPEECH. POLAND BELIEVES HELPING LDCS IS IMPORTANT, BUT HELP DOES NOT MEAN "AID". RATHER, POLAND FOCUSES ON HUMAN GROWTH, TRAINING, TECHNICAL ADVICE, HELPING COOPERATIVE MOVEMENTS. POLAND IS WORRIED ABOUT GROWING PROTECTIONISM. ECOSOC SHOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST PROTECTIONISM. WYZNER CALLED FOR AN END TO ALL EXPLOITATION, ESPECIALLY BY TNCs. HE SUPPORTED THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON TNCs AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THE COMING CONFERENCE ON TNCs. HE ALSO VIEWS UNCTAD V AND UNIDO III AS VERY IMPORTANT. POLAND SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES. ON RESTRUCTURING POLAND ECHOED SOVIET VIEW THAT THESE EFFORTS SHOULD NOT CAUSE INJURY TO THE UN SYSTEM AND SHOULD NOT INJURE THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. HE CONCLUDED WITH PRAISE FOR THE FINAL ACT OF CSCE FOR IMPROVING PROSPECTS OF TRADE WITH THE WEST. HE HOPED WESTERN NATIONS WILL NOT BLOCK THIS OPENING WITH TRADE BARRIERS.

4. MALTA (SALIBA) TERMED WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHING NIEO "ONE FUTILE MEETING AFTER ANOTHER." THIS PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE MUCH LONGER. THE UN SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY. IHSIT HAS GROWN SLOWLY, BUT NOT WISELY. PROGRESS OF COW SHOWS THAT WE MAY BE CREATING

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SOMETHING THAT WITHERS AWAY BEFORE IT HAS A CHANCE TO BEAR FRUIT. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE GRIEVANCE THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE FOCUSED ON BHN WHILE SOME DEVELOPING NATIONS (E.G., MALTA) HAVE FOCUSED ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ARE IRONICALLY DENIED THE TRANSFER OF NEEDED RESOURCES ON THE BASIS THAT THEIR LEVEL OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DISQUALIFIES THEM.

5. SWISS OBSERVER (EXCHAQUET) GAVE SPEECH MOST SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITION SO FAR. HE AGREED WITH SYG THAT UN MUST USE COW AS A NEW INSTRUMENT FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. COW SHOULD CONSIDER THE RELATION BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. HE EXPRESSED HIS TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH US REMARKS ON COW. SWISS CONCERNS ARE (A) IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES PREVENTED ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS IN COW; (B) CHOICE OF COW TOPICS MUST BE GUIDED BY ADVANCES DEEMED DESIRABLE AND POSSIBLE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION; (C) COW SHOULD FOCUS ON A SMALL NUMBER OF TOPICS AND AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL; (D) THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL INFLUENCE CHOICE OF COW TOPICS; (E) COW SHOULD WORK TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GENERAL TOPICS OF TRANSFER OF RE-

SOURCES, AND AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIALIZATION; AND (F)
IF MEMBERS WORK TOEGTHER THROUGH COW THERE WILL BE SIMUL-
TANEOUS GLOBAL PROGRESS IN A FEW GENERAL FIELDS.

6. USDEL WILL POUCH TEXT OF SWISS SPEECH TO IO/DHP.
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